

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of June 21, 2018

1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM. A quorum was present. The meeting was held at the in the Thomas Jefferson Room of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign-in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

John Sheehan, Member

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Christine Halling, Designee

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Alvin McDonald, Member

Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

Darryl Mack, Member

Louisiana Assessors Association (LAA)

Louis Hebert, Member

Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Warren Kron, Member

Louisiana National Emergency Number Association (LANENA)

Kathrine Cargo, Member

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (LAPDD)

Lynn Dupont, Member

Louisiana Senate (Senate)

David Gisclair, Designee

Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJA)

Collin Degueurce, Member

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Chris Cretini, Member

Others Present:

Hexagon Geospatial

David Holmes

Justin Byrd

Iberia Parish

Amy Brassieur

Lincoln Parish

Jackson Matthews

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (LAPDD)

Josh Manning, Designee

St. Tammany Parish

Craig Johnson

3. Approval of Minutes

The April 19, 2018, meeting minutes were approved with corrections. The motion was made by David Gisclair (Senate) and seconded by Collin Degueurce (PJA) with unanimous approval. The May 17, 2018, meeting minutes were approved. No errors were noted in the review of the May minutes. The motion was made by Collin Degueurce (PJA) and seconded by John Sheehan (DEQ) with unanimous approval. The Digital Data Committee minutes for both April and May were approved as-written. The motion was made by Collin Degueurce (PJA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate) with unanimous approval.

4. Chair's Report:

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) discussed the sending of multiple test e-mails from the LGISC listserv, noting that this was part of an attempt to ensure that the LA Assessors Association members were getting e-mails from the listserv, and Mr. Kron (LMA) asked everyone to bear with the test e-mails until the problem is resolved. Mr. Kron (LMA) reported that there is no presenter identified for the August meeting and asked for suggestions for presenters. Mr. Kron (LMA) also reported that, as a result of Jack Gardner's retirement, a replacement member is needed for the Digital Data Committee and that Mr. Gardner has recommended Josh Manning (LAPDD) for this position. Collin Degueurce (PJA) moved to appoint Josh Manning (LAPDD) and John Sheehan (DEQ) seconded the appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentation:

"Location Business Intelligence for State and Local Government"
David Holmes, Business Consultant, Hexagon Geospatial

6. Old Business:

Warren Kron (LMA) revisited the idea of creating a nonprofit organization to handle RS/GIS and its funds. John Sheehan (DEQ), Lynn Dupont (LAPDD), David Gisclair (Senate), Kathrine Cargo (LANENA), Christine Halling (DOJ), Louis Hebert (LAA), and Craig Johnson (St. Tammany) participated in this discussion. Legal questions related to this matter arose that were deferred to Ryan Seidemann (DOJ), who was absent from this meeting. These legal questions are: (1) Does the LGISC have the ability to undertake this fund management role?; (2) If so, would Council members no longer be exempt from the Louisiana Ethics Administration financial reporting requirements?; (3) Can the LGISC have any involvement with such a nonprofit in any capacity? At this point in the meeting, it was observed that the quorum was lost, thus meaning that no further business could be conducted. Discussion of this matter continued without any formal action being taken. Dr. Johnson (St. Tammany) suggested that the Council seek a report from Mr. Seidemann (DOJ) as to the legal ability of the Council to act as the RS/GIS governing board. Louis Hebert (LAA) reported on a similar relationship that exists on another council that he is associated with: the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission. Mr. Hebert (LAA) suggested that perhaps the LGISC could model its relationship with RS/GIS on this other commission. Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) suggested that perhaps the current management of RS/GIS could develop a proposal to the LGISC for what such a relationship might do and how it might function and then present that proposal at a future LGISC meeting for the Council to consider along with the legal issues raised above.

7. New Business:

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) reported on a recent URISA lunch and learn event and reminded the Council that there will be similar such events monthly. Ms. Cargo (LANENA) also announced the upcoming URISA conference in Palm Springs.

John Sheehan (DEQ) reported that Andy Venuto has returned to work from heart surgery.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30 PM on Thursday, July 19, 2018, in the Iowa Room at the Claiborne Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

9. Adjourn – Because by the end of the meeting there was no quorum, there was no motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting broke up at 3:30 P.M.